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1. [redacted] ship arrived in [redacted] the port of Novorossisk, USSR
 in ballast [redacted] The Harbor pilot took the ship to her
 berth [redacted]
 [redacted] A routine inspection was given the ship by Soviet
 officials. All cameras, radios, firearms and other such items were sealed
 by the inspecting party, which was made up of three officers and 15 men. The
 crew [redacted] was put in one compartment while the search was
 being made.

Port Information

2. [redacted] Names of these vessels were not known. All of the vessels
 were loading wheat or barley. Also [redacted] one of the German World War II
 passenger liners now held and used by the Soviets as troopships. One floating
 drydock was observed accommodating small craft of a nonmilitary type. Many
 other types of small craft were observed. No naval vessels other than small
 patrol craft, described as similar to our Coast Guard boats, were observed.
3. Port regulations prohibited any soundings to be made or garbage to be thrown
 overboard. Passes were required upon leaving and returning to the ship. An
 armed guard was placed at the gangway and on the piers. Two old partially
 submerged merchant ships were observed in the harbor. No salvage operations
 were noted. No shipbuilding or ship repair was noted in the port.

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General Information

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25X1 [] either in the dress of the people, what there was to buy in the stores,
25X1 or the condition of the town in general. Posters of both Malenkov and Stalin
25X1 were seen, and Malenkov seemed to play as important a role as Stalin. Ration-
25X1 ing was still in progress and there was no construction, although some street
repairs were being made. A few new buses were seen, however most of the public
transportation appeared to be old and worn. No unusual groups of people were
observed and no military groups were seen. There were many individual soldiers
and sailors seen in the streets of Novorossisk. No purchases were made by
the crew in the city.

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7. No military activity was observed in the area. No radar or harbor defenses
were noted. Upon leaving the port of Novorossisk the [] ship was given a
thorough search by Soviet officials.

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